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PREFACE.

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It will be observed that this Volume covers more than the usual period of twelve months, extending from September 1867 to December 1868. For reasons of convenience in book-keeping, it is deemed best to make the year of the MAGAZINE, begin hereafter with January. Accordingly we have protracted the FORTIETH VOLUME beyond the length of its predecessors, and end it with the monthly issue that closes the calendar year.

Forty years in the life of a man brings him, as a general thing, to the beginning of his prime. Why may we not hope that the SAILOR'S MAGAZINE, having reached its fortieth year, will now start forth upon a career of greatly extended usefulness?

It would not be becoming to repeat the words of praise that have lately come to us from various quarters, but we may say to our appreciative friends, that their approval of our efforts and their assurances of growing interest and esteem greatly encourage us. We shall endeavor to make the MAGAZINE more than ever worthy of their confidence and regard, and availing ourselves of increasing facilities to that end report through its pages what God is doing to bring about the promised conversion of the abundance of the sea.

A review of the year through the pages of this volume, will show that while there is a great work before us, God has been with us, and in His name, much has been done for the social and moral welfare of seamen. Their temporal good has been secured, and through our missionary and library work many souls have been saved. To God be all the praise!

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